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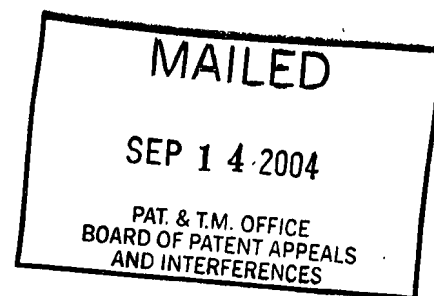
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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CHRISTOPHER J. STEPHENS
(Patent No. 5,393,368),

v.

SHIGERU TAMAI
(Application 08/196,839).



Patent Interference No. 103,662

Before: McKELVEY, Senior Administrative Patent Judge, and SCHAFER and TORCZON,
Administrative Patent Judges.

JUDGMENT - RULE 658

PER CURIUM

A panel of this board issued a final decision in this interference awarding priority against Stevens (Paper 78) which was adhered to on reconsideration (Paper 82). Stevens appealed to the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. The Federal Circuit reversed and remanded "with instructions to enter judgment for Stevens." Stevens v. Tamai, 366 F.3d 1325, 1335, 70 USPQ2d 1765, 1773 (Fed. Cir. 2004). Tamai requested rehearing and suggested rehearing in banc.

Section 144 of 35 U.S.C. provides that on appeal, the Federal Circuit shall review the decision from which an appeal is taken on the record before the Patent and Trademark Office. Upon its determination the court shall issue to the Director its mandate and opinion, which shall be entered of record in the Patent and Trademark Office and shall govern the further proceedings in the case.

ORDER

FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this judgment be given an appropriate paper number and entered into the file records of Patent No. 5,393,368 and Application 08/196,839.


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